

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of conducting a gaming activity, comprising:
placing at least one wager for play of a reel-type slot machine game;
generating and displaying at least one partial outcome in said reel-type slot machine game;
selecting at least one pay line; and
generating a final outcome in said reel-type slot machine game.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said gaming activity is conducted on a device comprising either an electronic reel-type slot machine device or a mechanical reel-type slot machine device.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said gaming activity is conducted on an electronic slot machine device, and further comprising:
providing a plurality of gaming sequences enabling a display of at least one partial outcome in combination with selection of at least one pay line; and
allowing a player to select one gaming sequence from said plurality of gaming sequences.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein a player selects a number of wagers to be placed during one play of said reel-type slot machine game.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein a player selects a number of partial outcomes to be displayed during one play of said reel-type slot machine game.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting said at least one pay line in said reel-type slot machine game after display of said at least one partial outcome.
7. The method of claim 6, further comprising providing a time limit for selecting said at least one pay line.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
selecting said at least one pay line from a plurality of pay lines, wherein said at least one pay line comprises at least one window selected from a plurality of windows, wherein said windows are arranged in a combination of rows and columns.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said windows display indicia, and further comprising selecting every pay line that passes through a selected indicia displayed in said at least one window.

10. The method of claim 6, wherein selecting said at least one pay line comprises:
sequentially selecting windows from a plurality of windows, wherein said windows comprise said at least one pay line.

11. The method of claim 6, wherein said at least one partial outcome and said at least one pay line comprise a display of indicia in at least one window selected from a plurality of windows, and further comprising allowing a player to select said display of said at least one partial outcome and said at least one pay line by selecting at least one window.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome of said reel-type slot machine game on a video display.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said video display comprises a touch sensitive video display screen.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome comprise, at least in part, a display of indicia in at least one window of a plurality of windows.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising arranging said plurality of windows in rows, columns, or a combination of rows and columns.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said display of said at least one partial outcome comprises all the windows in one row.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said display of said at least one partial outcome comprises all the windows in one column.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said display of said at least one partial outcome comprises at least one randomly selected window.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein a player selects at least one window for display of said at least one partial outcome.

20. A gaming machine, comprising:

a gaming device configured for randomly generating at least one partial outcome and a final outcome in a reel-type slot machine game;

a display device for displaying said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome of said reel-type slot machine game; and

at least one player input element to enable selection of at least one pay line in said reel-type slot machine game after a display of said at least one partial outcome.

21. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said display device comprises a touch sensitive video display screen and wherein said touch sensitive video display screen further comprises said at least one player input element.

22. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said display device includes at least one window.

23. The gaming machine of claim 22, wherein said at least one partial outcome comprises a display of an indicia in said at least one window.
24. The gaming machine of claim 22, wherein said final outcome comprises a display of an indicia in each window of a plurality of windows.
25. The gaming machine of claim 20, further comprising a microprocessor for generating said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome.
26. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said gaming machine is networked with at least one other gaming machine.
27. The gaming machine of claim 26, wherein said gaming machine and said at least one other gaming machine are located in at least two mutually remote locations.
28. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said gaming machine is configured with a communication link enabling networking to at least one other gaming machine.
29. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said gaming machine is operably coupled to a computer for conducting play of said reel-type slot machine game and wherein said gaming machine acts as a remote terminal for communicating with said computer for play of said reel-type slot machine game.
30. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said at least one player input element is further configured to enable selection of a display configuration for at least one partial outcome.
31. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said display device is configured with a display output comprising a plurality of windows.

32. The gaming machine of claim 31, wherein said plurality of windows are arranged in rows and columns.

33. The gaming machine of claim 22, wherein said display of said at least one partial outcome is at least one of a row of windows, a column of windows, a random selection of said at least one window and a selection by a player of said at least one window.

34. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein a configuration for said display of said at least one partial outcome is selected by a player.

35. The gaming machine of claim 20, wherein said gaming device is further configured for enabling a player to select at least one pay line from a plurality of pay lines in said reel-type slot machine game.

36. A gaming system, comprising:
at least one gaming machine, comprising:
at least one gaming device configured for generating at least one partial outcome and a final outcome in a reel-type slot machine game;
a display device for displaying said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome of said reel-type slot machine game; and
at least one player input element for selecting at least one pay line in said reel-type slot machine game subsequent to a display of said at least one partial outcome; and
a central server, wherein said central server is in operable communication with said at least one gaming machine.

37. The gaming system of claim 36, wherein said at least one gaming machine is a personal computer.

38. The gaming system of claim 37, wherein said personal computer is operatively coupled to said central server through the Internet.

39. The gaming system of claim 36, further comprising:
a plurality of gaming machines, wherein said plurality of gaming machines are operatively coupled to each other and said central server, such that said central server is enabled to track winning combinations generated at each gaming machine of said plurality.

40. The gaming system of claim 36, wherein said at least one gaming device comprises at least one microprocessor for generating said at least one partial outcome and said final outcome.

41. The gaming system of claim 39, wherein at least some of said gaming machines of said plurality are located at one or more sites remote from said central server.

42. The gaming system of claim 36, wherein said at least one gaming machine is further configured to enable a player to select said at least one pay line from a plurality of pay lines in said reel-type slot machine game.

43. The gaming system of claim 36, wherein said display device is configured to display a plurality of windows arranged in rows and columns, said display of said at least one partial outcome comprises at least one of a row of windows, a column of windows, a random selection of at least one window and a selection by a player of at least one window, and said display of said final outcome includes all of said plurality of windows.

44. A method of conducting a gaming activity, comprising:
placing at least one wager for play of a reel-type slot machine game;
generating and displaying at least one partial outcome in said reel-type slot machine game;
altering at least one parameter associated with generation of a final outcome in said reel-type slot
machine game; and
generating a final outcome in said reel-type slot machine game.